

Annual Student Speech Contest Slated by Lions

"Learning to Live Together" will be the topic upon which student speakers from the Torrance High School will talk during the Lions Club Annual Student Speakers for Democracy Contest to be held March 25.

The contest will be judged on a basis of thought content and delivery, according to Jack Schilling, contest chairman of the local service club. Each speaker will talk from eight to ten minutes.

Winner of the local contest will compete with student winners from other districts for a \$1000 cash scholarship. All finalists will receive a new standard typewriter for their efforts.

The contest is under the sponsorship of the Lions Clubs of the California-Nevada District which will stage the speakoff contest during a district convention in Santa Monica in May.

"It is not the few winners at the top who make this contest noteworthy, but rather the thousands of participants who interest themselves in it on the local levels," said Schilling.

... Speaking of Pictures.



SHEER BEAUTY . . . A Seaside Ranchos hostess (extreme left) found her otherwise calm and sedate party Saturday night had turned into a riot when one of the guests suggested they play "Speaking of Pictures." The game was suggested in the January 21 issue of "Life" magazine. The required props are simple and can usually be found in most ladies' closets. The gruesome expressions pictured here were created by pulling a nylon stocking over the head.

Shrine Club To Install New Officers

Harry W. Delbridge of Redondo Beach, member of the Daily Breeze staff, will assume presidency of South Bay Shrine Club tomorrow in West Port Beach Club.

Charles T. Reichert of Torrance, new potentate of Al Malakiah Temple and division sales manager for the National Supply Company, will be installing officer.

Members of the Divan and other Al Malakiah officers and musicians will accompany Potentate Reichert. The potentate's ambassador, Logan R. Cotton of Redondo, will be master of ceremonies.

Others to be installed are Dean Johnston, Redondo; Dr. Joseph G. Breco, Hollywood; Riviera and Carl J. Oppel, Manhattan Beach, vice presidents and Robert L. Brady of El Segundo, secretary-treasurer.

Delbridge, a charter member of the South Bay Shrine Club, has been a resident of Redondo for over 30 years. He is a charter member of Alpha Council No. 39 in Inglewood, a member of Los Angeles Commandery No. 3, Redondo Masonic Lodge, Redondo Chapter RAM and Carnation chapter OES.

Reservations must be made through one of the officers for the installation, which is open to Shriners, their ladies and guests. The South Bay Shrine Club includes Shriners from Torrance, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Portuguese Bend, Rolling Hills, Lomita and Gardena.

GP Honors 30-Year Man

The red plush carpet was rolled out by the Board of Directors of General Petroleum last week as the members conferred their commendations to a refinery worker here upon the completion of his 30th year with the company.

Honored by the company was Arnold L. Johnson, shift superintendent at the Torrance refinery.

A native of Paso Robles, Johnson, who now lives in Los Angeles, was first employed as a stillman at the Vernon refinery on January 25, 1922. He spent his entire company career in refinery operations at the Vernon and Torrance locations, and has handled many of the varied refinery jobs, officials say.

Torrance Elks Guests Of Redondo Lodge

Torrance, Lomita and Gardena area members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks were honored Tuesday night by Redondo Beach Lodge 1378 at a dinner meeting.

William M. Everett is handling the affairs for the Torrance visitors.

Kiwanis Club Aids Redondo

"Television has the possibility of becoming the strongest instrument in the promotion of world peace, Stan Chambers, popular TV announcer, told a joint meeting of the Torrance-Redondo Beach Kiwanis Clubs Monday noon.

The program for the joint meeting was staged by the Torrance Club for the newly organized Redondo Club of which Frank Jenks, screen and television actor, is the first president.

Chambers was introduced by Edwin B. Brown, program chairman of the senior club. "For the cost of two bombers it would be possible to blanket the island of Japan with television stations," the speaker said. "It would be simple to beam telecasts into Red dominated countries to give them a 'live' look at the American way of life."

Chamber Board to Interview Two Applying for Secretary's Post

Two applicants for the position of executive-secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be interviewed by the entire 15-member board of directors next Monday, it was announced by Robert I. Plomert Jr., president.

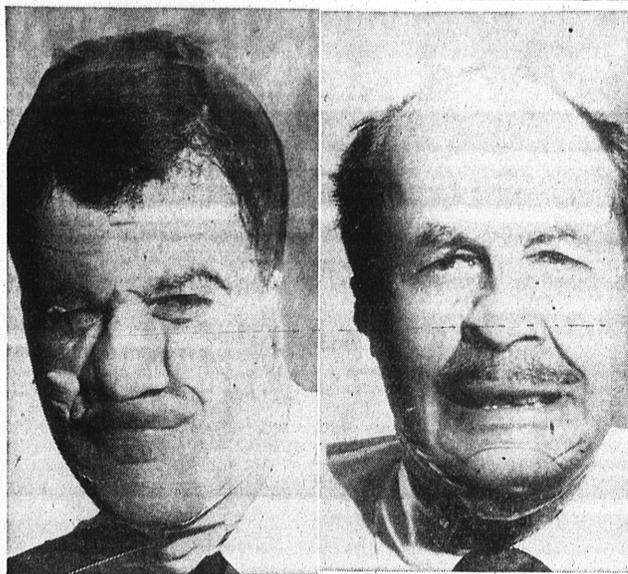
The special screening committee of the board revealed at the meeting this week that 12 formal applications had been received and a number of informal contacts had been made by those wishing to fill the post left vacant by the resignation of Blaine Walker, who has been secretary-manager of the chamber for the past six years.

Mrs. Gladys M. Tucker, assistant secretary of the Chamber tendered her resignation, effective Feb. 15, at the board meeting Monday. She has been acting secretary since Walker left and, it was reported that Mrs. Tucker has secured a position elsewhere. Three board members, headed by Director Henry W. Creger, were appointed to secure a successor for Mrs. Tucker.

A tentative Chamber of Commerce budget of \$16,000 for the coming fiscal year was adopted. The budget committee chairman by Dean L. Sears states that the estimate was based on expenditures during the past year covering overhead and promotional activities.



NEW CLUB FETED . . . Members of the Torrance Kiwanis Club put on a "sample" meeting for the newly organized Redondo Beach Club last Monday. On hand to help with the program were (left to right) Stan Chambers, popular TV announcer; Frank Jenks, screen and TV actor and the club's first president; and Paul Loranger, president of the Torrance club. (Herald photo).



DINNER DOINGS . . . The party-goers discovered (as did "Life") that there were two techniques. By pulling the stocking over the head, chin first, the result was an Oriental effect (second from left). The host (third from left) demonstrates the other technique of tugging the stocking over the hair, the ears, and finally the chin. Gentleman at far right had his ears pinned back by the snugly-fitting nylon. Tufts of hair pooch out through two holes in stocking, the chin through another. Expressions were not "mugged." The guests were only trying to breathe while the photographer fiddled with his camera between cigarettes.



31-GAUGE GRINS . . . Top of stocking resembles a beauty aid for removing double chins when worn by the photographer's wife (left). The game is not recommended for people suffering from claustrophobia. To demonstrate the game the photographer squeezed into a 31-gauge stocking and displayed this toothy grin while trying to breathe as one of the guests turned the camera on him. Close friends of the "game-for anything" guests will recognize (left to right, top) Mrs. Betty Rowan, at whose home at 5305 Carol Dr. the party took place; Mrs. Winifred Spelman, Ed Rowan, City Councilman Harvey B. Spelman Jr., (bottom row, left to right) Mrs. Gloria Baldwin and Jack O. Baldwin. (Herald photos).

Speaker Blames Government for Business Failure

"Why nine out of ten business firms fail" will be the topic of speaker J. B. Sebrell, president of the J. B. Sebrell Advertising Agency, when he addresses Torrance Kiwanians next Monday evening.

Sebrell, who is also president of the Small Businessmen of America and the author of many books on advertising and selling, will point out the fact that



J. B. SEBRELL . . . Why Business Flops?

unfair and unjust taxation of small business is one reason why so many firms collapse over a period of years.

The businessman claims that eight million small concerns are slaves of government, in that they are forced to collect sales taxes, excise taxes, withholding taxes, social security taxes and others.

Such activity seriously handicaps the small businessman who cannot afford to hire a staff of auditors and bookkeepers, Sebrell says.

He has spoken before one hundred service clubs, Chambers of Commerce and business and trade associations.

Bob Deinziger, program chairman, will introduce the speaker; Paul Loranger, president, will preside.

Civil Defense Leaders Visit New Headquarters

Torrance Civil Defense officials participated last week in the meeting of state officials at Mt. Lee, new headquarters for Civil Defense in the Southlands.

Attending the meetings were Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools and coordinator of training in area "C"; George Stevens, city manager and director of Civil Defense for Torrance; and George Powell, assistant director of civil defense for the city.

Speakers on the program included Red Cross officials, Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz, Mayor Fletcher Brown, and Maj. Gen. W. M. Roberts (Ret.), state director of Civil Defense.

Name Division Heads For Red Cross Drive

In preparing to launch the 1952 Red Cross fund campaign in Torrance, Area Chairman Lester T. King this week appointed 10 assistants to head the various phases of the drive.

Mrs. Don Hyde, 1537 El Prado, will serve as Advance Gift Chairman. Don Wagen, manager of the Torrance Pittsburgh Plate Glass and Paint Co., and John Ebbinghouse, manager of the American Rock Wool Co., Commerce and Industry co-chairmen; Parke Montague, Torrance Plumbing and Darwin Parrish, Parrish Stationery, co-chairmen of Small Businesses.

Mrs. A. Cowie, 4418 182nd St. North Torrance residential chairman; Mrs. John Beeman, 1518 El Prado, Central Torrance residential chairman; and Mrs. W. G. Jerrens III, 213 Buena Vista, Hollywood Riviera, South Torrance residential chairman.

Serving in the capacity of co-professional chairmen are Dr. Arthur Berke, 1526 Cravens Ave. and Dr. Allen Pyeatt, 1439 Marcelina Ave.

Tartar Teen Talk

By BETSY SHAW

Brushing those last few crystals of snow off their clothes and trying to thaw out their freezing feet are members of the student council who spent a snow-filled week-end up at Big Pines. The Snow Trip, an annual affair, is enjoyed each year by both the old and new council as a means of getting the new officers acquainted with their office and as a reward to the old officers for all their hard work during the past semester.

At 5 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, the hearty members of the council met on the steps in front of the school where all their baggage was loaded into cars and by 5:30 the snow lovers were en route to the mountains. By 10 o'clock a road sign was spotted that read—"Big Pines—2 miles"—and before 10:15 the cars were being unloaded at Farquhar Lodge, our destination.

After shovelling the snow from in front of the door, we managed to get settled. The rest of the trip was spent sledding, tobogganing, or just having snow fights. A few ambitious ones loaded themselves up with

cuts and bruises by going skiing. The entire trip was not all pleasure, however. On Saturday night, a business meeting was held and plans were discussed for Torrance High during the spring semester. By 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, everyone, happy though tired, was ready to leave for home and back to the warm sunshine. Never has the sight of Torrance High looked so good to anybody as it did to the council members when they arrived home in Torrance.

The Torrance High Variety Show '52 Skidoo' is now history. On January 25, the curtains closed on the final performance of the 1952 production. An overwhelming success, the Variety Show netted profits up to \$200 which will be split among the Boys' and Girls' Leagues. Much of the credit can be given to Dwight Hanna, student director, Bob Hubbard, technical director, and Nancy Ruth Miller, production director. The fine cast and Mr. Desmond Wedberg, their drama coach, deserve a large part of the credit for all the long, hard hours they put in at rehearsal.